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SUBJECT: ROEL STATEMENT

1. FOLLOWING ARE PERTINENT QUOTES FROM REPORTAGE ON FM SANTIAGO ROEL'S BRIEF STATEMENT TO REPORTERS FROM EXCELSIOR, NOVEDADES, EL HERALDO AND EL DIA THURSDAY JANUARY 5:

2. FOREIGN MINISTER SANTIAGO ROEL STATED YESTERDAY THAT THERE IS NO ECONOMIC OR POLITICAL PRESSURE RELATIVE TO MEXICO'S DECISIONS IN OIL MATTERS; IN THE CASE OF GAS SALES TO THE UNITED STATES HE MAINTAINED THAT THIS IS A PROBLEM OF COMMERCIAL NEGOTIATIONS.

3. IN REFERENCE TO THE OIL AND GAS IONS HE POINTED OUT THAT THE LATTER CASE HAD ALREADY BEEN DEALT WITH IN WASHINGTON, TO WHICH HE TRAVELLED FOR THAT VERY PURPOSE, AND THAT IT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH (ENERGY SECRETARY) SCHLESINGER.

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4. "AS FAR AS GAS IS CONCERNED," HE SAID "CLEARLY, THIS IS A PROBLEM INVOLVING COMMERCIAL NEGOTIATIONS, IN WHICH SOME AMERICAN COMPANIES WISH TO PURCHASE OUR GAS AT 2.60 DOLLARS."

5. "THE LETTER OF INTENT, WHICH EXPIRED ON THE 31ST

OF DECEMBER HAS NOT BEEN RENEWED (AND WILL NOT BE RENEWED)  
UNTIL THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT  
HEADED BY MR. SCHLESINGER, CARTER'S ENERGY POLICY, AND  
THE COMPANIES THEMSELVES ARE IN AGREEMENT."

6. "MEXICO ABSTAINS FROM INTERFERING IN THE UNITED STATES'  
INTERNAL PROBLEMS FOR NON-INTERVENTION REASONS, AN  
EXTREMELY IMPORTANT PRINCIPLE."

7. VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE WILL BE HERE FROM THE 20TH TO  
THE 22ND OF THIS MONTH. THE AGENDA OF POINTS TO BE  
DISCUSSED IS STILL BEING PREPARED, SINCE IT HAS NOT YET  
BEEN POLISHED BY PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO. MR. MONDALE  
IS ON THE BEST OF TERMS WITH OUR COUNTRY," SAID THE  
FOREIGN MINISTER, "AND WHEN I WAS WITH HIM IN WASHINGTON  
WE REALLY FELT HE WAS A GOOD FRIEND OF MEXICO." CALDERHEAD

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